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THE REIGN OF GOLD

THE World today is under the Reign of Gold in contradistinction to the Reign of Spirit as it should be. When we understand vibration correctly we will understand life itself as everything is based on vibration. The ancients knew this, but we moderns have lost the art. Today a high vibration is never acquired without the aid of gold. Give a man gold and he can dress himself up in new clothes, buy a new house, new furniture, jewels, cars, aeroplanes and the rest that go to make up the false scheme called life and he consequently meets people of culture and refinement, associates with the elite of society as he has moved into and risen to a higher vibration or strata where these things obtain as he is entitled to enter into their field of magnetic attraction, having the requisite amount of gold to attract these objects of sense.

The question naturally arises, is it desirable to have these things, these nice things of the World with se-

curity, ease, comfort and the rest. Yes and no. Yes to the man of the World who craves them and no to the man of the Spirit who shuns them, having risen above the objects of sense.

As I have no use for possessions and riches, I am now in a position to dissect and analyze these things which might throw a brilliant light on the Scheme of Life, how to conquer it and rise above it and be liberated from slavery to the objects of sense, which go to make up man's prison and to which he is attached like a slave chained to his cell.

You will notice, if you please, that after you go broke, are out of money, your clothes shabby, little to eat and destitute, your vibration of activity attracts all the lower elements about you and you are now in the society of men who all think and correspond to your state of being—a vagabond, a tramp and an outcast.

I ask, is this miserable, low state a desirable lot for the average man. I reply, yes and no. Yes for the man who studies the Scheme of Life to learn its lesson, and no for the babe who must be neatly fed, cleaned, shaved, brushed and combed, with a silver spoon in his mouth, to make him a willing prisoner in willing hands.

The ups and downs in Life come to our door without our seeming knowledge or understanding. Were we to understand the cause of some of our so-called misfortunes we would not be so eager to change them, but let them have their time, course, action and play to teach us "the game of Life," and the irremediable law of vibration which guides us, brings us into being and removes us from off the physical scene. For

once we cease to vibrate to the correspondence around and about us, so-called Death ensues, and we lose our consciousness because we fail to act in unison with the "objects of sense" and are out of tune with the World.

Today you can sense what I mean by the "Reign of Gold," and the vibration of the dollar. Everything revolves about the Almighty Dollar. Why? Because it has been magnetized by the evil forces of the World and consequently all action and play is magnified by the profit and interest scheme exacted from those whose "blood and sweat money" constitute the basis of all operation.

I mean money is synonymous of human energy. When its use is prostituted, the vampires enter in and create a false World of their own making. Thereafter no man owns his own Soul, for the simple reason that no man controls his own earning power, but becomes a mere cog in the Gold Scheme of the Nation which harnesses him and makes him a pawn in the Gold Reign of human relationships.

After a man understands Life correctly, the law of vibration and sees through the whole labyrinth of human passions, he attains to that "peace of mind beyond all understanding." He cares no more for life, because he refuses to be a party to this interest and profit scheme, and is willing to let every man enjoy the fruits of his own labor, without depriving him of one cent which rightly belongs to him and which he should not covet any more than his very own.

If the Whole World were to come under the "Reign of Spirit," the workings of Society would immediately change from one of selfishness and greed to one of Brotherly Love, Kind Co-Operation and Mutual

Understanding enough so to usher in a New Heaven and a New Earth eternal in the Heavens.

I, for one, am thoroughly convinced that were we to set up a New Form of Government, which would function and operate solely for the mass of human beings under its flag, and against the organized form of selfishness known as Capitalism and the Vested Interests America would attain and come into its Promised Land and realize the aims and purposes of the Forefathers, who foresaw 150 years ago a spiritual objective for these United States where the homecoming of all Spirits would be united in loving embrace under the Stars and Stripes. The Stars for those who became liberated Souls, and the Stripes for those who had still other lives to live here on Earth after the expiration of this one.

I believe and am thoroughly convinced were Theosophy (the Ancient Wisdom) purged of all false accretions, including Masters of Wisdom or Mahatmas, the claims of false Leadership and the occult investigations of some of its pseudo-members it would serve as the New Religion of America, giving forth a teaching where man is possessed of Body, Mind and Soul wherein is housed the Immortal God of the Ages, a Liberator indeed from the "Reign of Gold," which today imprisons all Citizens under the immortal emblem, "The STARS AND STRIPES."

When a man can defy the World without money in his pocket he is close to the heart of the Supreme in his love, faith, and undying devotion to that Power beyond the ken of Man, and his selfish instincts of self-preservation.

REINCARNATION

IT IS a known fact that the Doctrine of Reincarnation as taught by the Ancients and depicted in our own precious Bible has been ruthlessly torn from its pages, emasculated by those copyists and translators who in their efforts to change the formulae of the Bible from one of progressive Evolution through different lives to one of Vicarious Atonement through one life only have destroyed the last vestige of Human Liberty vouchsafed Mankind on this Planet.

If this is the Truth and I am firmly convinced that it is, then the only way back to Salvation and Freedom *whilst here in this body* is the Restoration of the Ancient Mysteries wherein the Doctrine of Reincarnation forms the lost key-stone to the arch of Christianity.

Salvation today in the scheme of Orthodox Christianity constitutes a "Salvation" that *imprisons* instead of *liberates*. If the Salvation of a Soul must only come after the portals of Death are entered, the Doctrine of Reincarnation (of being born on Earth time and again to gain the sweet fruit of Liberation from physical plane embodiment) becomes a misnomer and an idle dream. If Salvation of the Soul can only be realized *whilst in a physical body* and Religion given a Goal of Realization whilst in action and in life, and not alone after the breath has departed, Reincarnation becomes the capstone and the lost key note to Ancient Christianity, which at its inception was pure, sweet and undefiled by the hands and corrupt minds of those who sought to destroy its pristine purity of Liberating the Soul whilst in an Earth body.

If Reincarnation were adopted by modern day Christian seekers after Truth and the Doctrine of Atonement relegated to the limbo of myth and ancient superstition, the whole plane of action and thought would change in the life of the Christian student and he would seek his Salvation or Liberation here and now whilst in this earth body and not lie idly by filling his belly with the husks of materialism and trusting to God and good fortune that his spiritual salvation would be taken care of after he closes his life at the brink of the grave.

Christianity applied would give us men of deep knowledge and understanding of how to attain the Goal of Freedom and Salvation from the plane of Hell known as physical plane embodiment. Until a man comes to a realization that Life is Hell, a prison house indeed, he will not seek a way to liberate himself from this prison of Hell. If he continues to think Life desirable and a fit place to enjoy himself and considers it the best there is to be had, he will never seek a way out, a Goal, or consider Life as a means to a final end, but will continue to regard Life, Life after Life, as his only lot and ancient heritage. I say that is the crux of the whole question.

Now many people who profess Christianity and who are devout students of our Christian Bible will absolutely deny that the Doctrine of Reincarnation appears in any one of its pages. They will ask you to cite one instance where the men who wrote the precious book ever gave a clue or hint that man has ever lived before or will ever live again. To those who ask shall receive. Let us turn to the old edition of King James Version and inquire of the Book of the Apocrypha, Wisdom of Solomon, Chapter II, Verse 5, which reads

with such clarion purity that none will gainsay or deny.

"For the ungodly said: "For our time is a very shadow that passeth away and after our end there is no returning; for it is fast sealed so that no man cometh again." The inference here is well established that only the ungodly will ignore and deny that man lives time and again on this Earth plane and that the Doctrine of Reincarnation was well known among the Ancients who wrote our precious Book, the Bible, which is so acceptable to Christians today.

Even people today who firmly accept the Doctrine of Reincarnation, especially those members of the Theosophical Society who ought to know better but who don't believe that the mere acceptance of continuous lives here on Earth establishes the Immortality of the Soul. I would reply hastily no more does the survival of earth life through the Doctrine of the Atonement. The Immortality of the Soul like the Sun that shines in our Heavens to establish the Day only gives light whilst the day lasteth, the night is none of its part or Nature only the withdrawal thereof. If the Realization of Union with Spirit is not attained whilst life is still in the body, another earth life must be provided for that Realization. For like a beautiful flower that only blooms in any one century or age, the sweet fruit of Liberation never comes to bear until all the forces are spent in that direction that are used to bring the precious plant to fruitage. It cannot bear in time of rest after the plant has withered and only dry stubble of the grave remains; it must come in a period of Life or activity when the life forces are awake and active.

"He who would drink of the Waters of Life freely, let him come." (Book of Revelation). Not of death,

but of Life; hence my contention that Reincarnation disproves the contention of past or future lives, without the Realization of the Goal Immortal in this one.

MATERIAL POSSESSIONS

WHAT would life be were man to disown all material possessions? As it is the thing called life, with a body, its surrounding environment and material possessions may be likened to a human graveyard viewed from the higher viewpoint of the Spirit. The ancients say it is attachment to objects of sense which binds down the embodied soul to the earth plane. To rise above this attachment to objects of sense, liberates and frees the soul from physical incarnation forevermore.

You will notice, if you please, the different souls you know in their different stages of evolution from the gross, coarse animal man bound down to his body its passions for possession and lust to the souls at the other extreme, sacrificing, loving, alms-giving, devotional, pure souls who live solely for the benefit of others and upliftment of their fellow man. Then there are a host of souls between these two aforementioned examples on the different rungs and scales of evolution. Take the whole gamut of human evolution and you have a ladder reaching from the grave condition of life to the highest pitch of human attainment on the spiritual plane.

I was confronted by a business man today who after reading my magazine openly admitted that life to him was Hell under the best of conditions and that he had intended to take his life three times, but through consideration for his family had deferred the

action. Now I would ask how many other business men who are apparently rich and prosperous from all outward appearance and seemingly successful from a world standpoint are in the same boat with the would-be suicide. Thousands of them, and it is all because the outer man has choked and stifled all goodness and impulses that might arise in human consciousness were the *inner man* given more attention, life and sustenance to bring about the liberation program I speak of.

Man is not his body and possessions, so why identify him with them. He is the temple wherein dwells the living GOD and he has faithlessly turned his face toward worshipping the idols of Mammon and bowed down to Baal until his thoughts have become so concrete, deadened and hardened, that he hardly knows that he has a Soul, much less that he is one.

I have treated this subject from different angles, but now that I am meeting people whom I have known for the past 40 years, I see that the majority of them are just where they were 40 years ago, a little more money, earthly possessions and children, but from a spiritual standpoint of growth they have not advanced at all but have stood still and are still the "living dead," occupying the grave of the body.

When will they awaken, if ever I inquire? Not in this age or incarnation; only after they are dead and buried, and ages intervene to come back and try it all over again will they ever come to see the futility of finding their inner desires materialize on this earth-plane. The hopes and aspirations of the material man are ever ashes in the mouth, for they all end in disappointment at the brink of the grave. The hopes and aspirations of the spiritual man alone suffice and satisfy, for after the husk or shell known as the person-

ality is removed from off the mundane sphere can he in reality truly live the Immortal Life given him for having proven himself worthy and well qualified to handle his body long after breath has departed and he visualizes what it is to truly live—though dead—to all the World and its immediate surroundings.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE ATONEMENT

HE DOCTRINE of the Atonement, that Jesus died to save us all, is the most inconsistent teaching that was ever handed down to Man. If Jesus died to save us, what, pray tell, is he to save us from? Not our sins and short comings, for they are already apparent to the most dull and ignorant as part of the heritage of man, the spoils of the human system of incarnation. If he is to save us from Hell, then he must save us from ourselves, as it is already apparent that our sins, failings and shortcomings are already a part of us before we incarnated. If there is no Hell, then our sins are merely a myth and no redeeming grace is needed. What on Earth is Jesus supposed to save us from? Hell, Sin or Heaven?

You will see, if you are a thinking entity, and not merely a believing one, that this Doctrine of the Atonement was devised by clever, scheming church heads and fathers to save us from the trouble of thinking for ourselves. An intermediate go-between God and Man once established by the saving grace of Jesus Christ our Lord and sponsored by the forgiving Fathers and Sacramental Preachers would destroy all belief in recurring lives here on Earth, as once dead, and at the Great Resurrection Day all redeemed into a Heaven for all Eternity would forever banish the idea of any

future life here on Earth and any need of Man working out his own Salvation.

Jesus Died to Save Us All and There Is the End of It!

Sin as you may; slay, torture, debauch your fellowman, steal from your neighbor, burn his home, slander his household, covet his goods, rape his daughter, poison his Soul; Jesus, dear, dear Jesus, will shoulder it all, if you only believe in his redeeming grace of Salvation. How childish!

How much better, sane and reasonable to regard Jesus as having attained to the Christ Consciousness, trodden the path of evolution and won the goal of freedom from further reincarnation into another body; a Saviour indeed that through his life and teaching he showed us the way to save our own selves, and rise above the consciousness of personal sin and salvation.

I for one think the Doctrine of the Atonement was devised mainly not so much to save the masses, as to save the preachers from going to work and earning an honest livelihood. The Catholics are the main offenders, but the Protestants are not a wit better. In the Roman Catholic Church the Priest is supposed to represent God in his power to forgive sins. The Pope of course is Christ incarnate. In the Protestant denominations, forgiveness is based on the Sacrament of the Last Supper. "This my blood, drink ye; this is my flesh, eat it, that ye may never die." Of course, Brothers, this *fol de rol* is all very far fetched. You are told that you must bear in mind that all this outer significance of observance, ritual and song merely supplants the living of the true, Christian life, without which the Bread and Wine has no meaning, life or redeeming grace.

Would it not be far better for these representatives of Jesus Christ to tell the Truth, the Whole Truth and nothing else but the Whole Truth that a man cannot be spiritual and expect Salvation of his Soul here on Earth if he indulges in the outer, surface or letter teaching of the Gospel known as the Doctrine of the Atonement. That teaching is for babes and not for strong men. That teaching encourages the sinner to sin to return, be forgiven, and go on to further sinning. That teaching is for a rich, lust loving, pleasure seeking, gold ridden mob of worldings, who haven't time to live the life that Jesus led, be honest, self-sacrificing, loving neighbors, but would rather hire a paid go-between to do their praying for them, wash their dirty moral garments and heal their Souls for a money consideration.

The Doctrine of the Atonement is the atonement with the Devil; a carte blanche agreement whereby the sinner gets off for a mere stipend and needs no further lives to settle the immoral debts he has incurred throughout Life.

I say once the Doctrine of the Atonement is uprooted from Christendom throughout the World and the rejected corner-stone put into place, the Doctrine of Reincarnation to make Man his own GOD and own SAVIOUR, there will be no further need for Preachers and Priests, tax-dodging Churches which enslave the masses and lying, hypocritical church members who are merely the spawn of the Churchly System, Heads and Organizations.

I affirm I do not care to die with this curse set upon my Soul that I am saved through any Church, Preacher or Priest, for when the Soul is weighed in the Balance and stands before the Judgment of its own past actions,

the question do you believe in yourself, will have to be answered in the negative: "No, I believe as others have led me to believe." And the Final Judgment: You are not of GOD (your own Higher Self), but of Man, with the Mark of the Beast upon your forehead, and the Revelation must be withheld until you return to another earth life and learn the lesson of Self-reliance and individual responsibility.

YOU ARE NOT A GOD; YOU ARE STILL A DEMON. RETURN TO THE BOTTOMLESS PIT.

THE DEATH OF MADAME BLAVATSKY THEOSOPHY!

THE plane of consciousness which every man is on differs with the individual. One may be living on the rational plane of consciousness denominated physical and at the same time be no higher than that which commands the higher type of animal. Another, though living in the same house and room, may be vibrating to a plane so far above the normal state that the first individual could never contact in this life because his evolutionary state of development has not progressed sufficiently to entitle him to that state of consciousness. Still another individual would be so much higher than the second mentioned individual that he would be out of correspondence with him so that he could never meet him physically on the physical plane level any more than one man could meet his thoughts physically embodied and remain a live man.

To say that death deprives us of consciousness only means how far has man evolved to overcome the thoughts of the death plane. Some men are already

fit for immortality whilst here in the body; others can never acquire it for generations and ages to come, for they are not evolved far enough to attain it in any immediate age or cycle.

Now, what I am getting at is this. Every man lives in a World of his own making. The fineness of his thought corresponds to the fineness of the material which surrounds him. Take a low, vile, ignorant, uncouth person who has no conception of the rare, fine and beautiful, consequently cannot create fine things and is naturally surrounded with the low, vile elements of life which surround him and upon whom these elements are sustained and nourished.

Take a finer type of person with intellect developed and spiritually awake can command and create a finer world and a more precocious set of nature spirits to build up his habitat and nourish and sustain him in finery and luxury.

Take a still higher and more developed being who is now alive and awake to the thought realms and spirit world can simply extract the best there is in this lower world of thought and build and create a World of his own, but no higher than the conception he holds latent and dormant within his own consciousness.

Now take a man who has gained Union with his own Higher Self and we have an individual World already whose higher attributes creates separate and apart from the consciousness of the lower mind and the desires of the worldly individual.

Now comes into being a New Age for New World conditions can never precipitate until the forces of the higher World congregate about some particular advanced Ego, hence we have a New Avatar coming

into expression on the physical plane. This New Avatar brings forward all that Humanity requires for that New Cycle and he gives forth an advanced philosophy fit for the needs and requirements of that particular Age.

Now the New Age will be ushered in as soon as that particular Avatar gains recognition here in these United States, for here in America is where the New Age and the New Avatar is first to be introduced and not in India, Asia or Ceylon.

I know there are many false notions in vogue that consider Avatars fleshy individuals, but I contend an Avatar is the force working through individuals and not the individuals themselves. Hence, Christ was the Christic force and not Jesus Christ at all. Jesus never considered himself the Father, while he contended he was one with him. Although the Father was none other than Jesus but above the physical expression yet working through him.

Do you know that I am giving out a philosophy that will yet regenerate the Whole World? I maintain that had Theosophy been shorn of its Masters it would have become ere this the recognized spiritual potency of the World, but with its contamination with Occultism and mundane magic it has fallen from its high pedestal and almost destroyed from perfecting the World consciousness as it was originally designed.

Masters are no more than monsters. A Monster got into the Theosophical Society in the personage of Madame Blavatsky and like a fish in waters which colors them with their emanations to prevent their capture has all but destroyed the Ancient Wisdom which liberates Humanity from World bondage. Another Master or Monster in the guise of Charles

Leadbeater came forward to supplant the work and teaching of Madame Blavatsky and behold we have a Theosophy as foreign to its original tenets as darkness is to light.

Thus, I say, give me three more years in the flesh and I will see the Theosophy of Madame Blavatsky disappear from off the map of the Globe.

H. P. BLAVATSKY, THE GREATEST IMPOSTOR THAT EVER LIVED!

THE mooted question of today is can we have Theosophy without Blavatsky, or, can we have Theosophy with Blavatsky? I take it that these two questions are synonymous. For, with Theosophy without Blavatsky, we have the pure, unadulterated Ancient Wisdom that existed ages before Mdme. Blavatsky embarked for America to disseminate her Occult teaching; also with Theosophy with Blavatsky we have the good mixed with the evil, the evil of destroying the Ancient Wisdom which liberates man from the plane of mundane existence, simultaneously destroying the occult arts and ancient magic which H. P. B. through her occult fakes the Masters of Wisdom sought to enslave and engage Mankind on a plane outside the physical, but not yet high enough to emancipate him from these evil doers, whom H. P. B. denominated Masters of Wisdom who controlled her and who in turn control others who look to H. P. B. as their Messenger.

Masters of Wisdom, if you please, are Masters of the Black Art and so clever are they that at one time you assume they are mere physical beings, at another forces, powers, potencies gifted with wings of the

fleet order who come and disappear in the twinkle of an eye. H. P. Blavatsky foisted this miserable low, vile teaching on the earlier members of the Theosophical Society in America, England and India and most of them rebelled and sought to run the Society without her and her occult phenomena and deal solely with the noumena or philosophical aspect of the Ancient Wisdom.

It must be borne in mind that the Theosophical Society at its inception had no literature of its own. Outside the works of Blavatsky (Isis Unveiled, Secret Doctrine, Practical Occultism, Key to Theosophy, etc.) which were written when H. P. B. was under the control of outside forces, the whole of the Theosophical library was drawn from the Buddistic, Brahmanic, Vedic and ancient lore of old India and what H. P. Blavatsky produced as Theosophical was not Theosophical at all, but the psychic emanations of these ancient Masters who stand so prominent in the archives of the Roman Catholic Church today, our venerable Fathers, the Sons of Loyola—The Jesuits.

I have been worsted in battle against Blavatsky, yet I still hold on and maintain that one man who sees the Truth of her occult humbuggery can turn the World into the Light of Truth no matter how much he is condemned for being untruthful and unbrotherly. I hold it is far best to tell the Truth and suffer for it than to lie outright and gloss over for the centuries to come an act perpetrated by the Evil Forces that would destroy future generations and deprive them of the Realization and Goal of Theosophy—Liberation, Salvation and Freedom from the plane of mundane existence.

I have letters from the leading members of Theosophical Societies throughout the world who eagerly inquire: "Why can't we all agree on Blavatsky?" My reply is "*Not* in an Organization whose motto is 'There is no Religion higher than Truth.' If Blavatsky is false, as I contend she is, the Truth, or Theosophy must come *before* Blavatsky and her name and work must go down before the rising Sun of Realization.

The following from the Director of the Institute of Astrology in Carthage, Tunisie, Africa, shows that the awakening is reaching into the far quarters of the Globe. Mr. Francis Rolt Wheeler, though not himself a Theosophist, cannot understand that Theosophy and Blavatsky are not synonmous, hence the following inquiry:

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of copy of the March issue of "The Divine Life," announced as the pioneer magazine of the sixth race.

Undoubtedly a magazine of the sixth race is a matter of great importance in the spiritual evolution of the world, though I feel personally that the sixth race *may not* be exclusively confined to the present American people.

What puzzles me a little in your magazine is this: that although you stand as the representative of the Independent Theosophical Society of America, you conjoin Mme. Blavatsky with Annie Besant and Leadbeater, three very different people; however much one may deplore certain aspects of Leadbeater's work, and regard certain seeming errors in the work of Annie Besant, I find myself a little bit confused to know what you mean by a Theosophy which has nothing to do with Theosophy.

In no ways desirous to criticize, but honestly seeking for information, I would ask you whence comes the teaching of Theosophy if we eliminate Theosophy, if neither Blavatsky, nor Olcott, nor the Mahatma letters, nor Sinnett, nor Annie Besant, nor anybody's else have the right to say a word—Who has?

Am I to understand that "The Divine Life" is an exclusive revelation in itself? I cannot quite understand your phrase on page 129—"Had Mme. Blavatsky and her occult subjects been ejected from the Society in 1875." I am not a Theosophist, or at least not a member of any Theosophical Society, but a certain sense of logic bids me say that you cannot eject a person from herself, and in 1875 the Theosophical Society was Mme. Blavatsky.

I may personally be thoroughly in agreement with you concerning Krishnamurti, also concerning Leadbeater, and possibly concerning Annie Besant, and I may have some mental reservations concerning the Masters, but what I should really like to know is, what the Theosophical basis of the Independent Theosophical Society of America which begins by declaring Theosophy a fraud?

Honestly hoping that you may be able to set this cryptogram before me in a clear and radical manner, in which case perhaps the columns of both our reviews may be of service to you.

I remain, yours very sincerely,

FRANCIS ROLT WHEELER, *The Director.*

To assume that in 1875 the Theosophical Society was Mme. Blavatsky because she was Founder, President and Head does not in the least divert the attention of the searcher after Truth from the fact that Theosophy was neither Blavatsky nor the Organization which she

denominated "The Theosophical Society," but was the Truth shown down among those who, through the study of the Ancient Wisdom in the books of ancient India, had gained an intuitive knowledge that the Truth was hidden *within each and every individual* and not in any Society, much less in any Leader or constituted authority calling themselves a Messenger.

Now in the light of the foregoing, how can Theosophy be Blavatsky, or Blavatsky Theosophy, when she violated the basic principles in all the ancient works ("Voice of the Silence" included), which warns Man against the very things which Blavatsky worshipped and advocated? the recognition of powers and forces *outside* the realm of the mind and consciousness of the student himself? It was Blavatsky's sole ambition to pose as a Messenger of these outside forces and powers (Gods, Mahatmas or Messengers) and not to arouse in the student the realization of that oneness, that inner, hidden power within the realm of every man's moral well being, that hidden potency, that GOD OF THE AGES, THAT HIGHER SELF THAN WHICH THERE IS NO OTHER.

Some say she did, but had she held to the higher teaching of Union with the Higher Self instead of Union with the Masters of Wisdom, and their accredited Messengers, the members of the Theosophical Society today would be writers, thinkers, delvers, doers giving out to the World the fruits and garnerings of the Ancient Wisdom enough so to regenerate and revitalize a World sorely in need and distress when as today the Material has all but conquered the Spiritual and destroyed it. Theosophy potent and energizing would be on the lips of everyone and its needs would have ere this proven the redeeming grace of uniting

Mankind instead of separating them in discord and confusion. As it stands the followers of Blavatsky are not much higher than the orthodox followers of Luther, Wesley or Eddy, ever searching for something they know not what.

The basis of The Independent Theosophical Society of America is American and not Foreign. Americanism unites, foreignism repels and disintegrates. Americanism conjoins the forces of the Eternal and gives realization to the student here and now on the physical plane and does not promise Universal Brotherhood in ages to come on other planets. American Theosophy holds to the One in Many by excluding specially dispensated Hierarchical bands of the Ancient Wisdom corresponding to the Hierarchical Ladder of Saints, Masters and Luminaries as established by the Roman Catholic Church.

If The Independent Theosophical Society of America can bring forward this realization here and now on American soil it need not look to Africa, India or Ceylon and is justly entitled to this attainment as exclusive. Divine Life, in being an instrument to this realization, is a pioneer indeed, for it links the fraud through various personalities as being one consecutive master stroke to annihilate the Light of personal realization as one with the enlightenment of the Whole, the Divine.

We do not find mention of Masters of Wisdom in the Bible, nor in the Bhagavad Gita, nor in the Zend Avesta, Koran, Zohar, Talmud, Books of the East, nor in Buddha's Dharma. We do not hear Jesus expostulate on their singular merits and attainments. We do not hear Ralph Waldo Emerson, America's greatest seer and essayist, expound their principles.

We do not find one Master (in the Theosophic sense) in American History who ever come to the fore as a Theosophic example to rule and run the Nation. Even Abraham Lincoln is not included in the list of Theosophical lights, in the American Blue Book. Grant, Washington nor Thomas Paine were none of their kind.

They all alike arose on their own merits, met the hard knocks of the World and grew and unfolded naturally without the Light of Theosophic inspiration to crown their brows. On the contrary, they preached self-reliance, individual responsibility and allegiance to no one outside the GOD within themselves and were true examples of American Independence, Liberty and Freedom from the control of any extraneous source outside themselves.

DR. STOKES, A DEFENDER OF THE MASTERS OF WISDOM!

WHEN I read the Critic, edited by Dr. H. N. Stokes of Washington, D. C., I wonder whether the man hasn't really lost his balance mentally. I never in all my life saw so many positive contradictions in the space of pages than is evidenced in Dr. Stokes' Critic. Sometimes I am led to think that too much Mastership has made the Doctor mad.

You will note, if you please, that there are two fellows writing all that the Doctor produces. One, a little fellow full of wit, humor, sarcasm and caustic criticism, that is Dr. Stokes himself; the other the overshadowing Master which he has inherited from H. P. Blavatsky who does the Doctor's thinking for

him and who makes a pretty fool of him every time he gives his mind over to this outside control.

The Doctor has much to say about Masters of Wisdom and defends the organization as founded by H. P. Blavatsky backed by the Mahatma Letters by H. P. Sinnett which must be accepted *prima facie* or the Doctor's philosophy falls to the ground.

The whole matter resolves itself into one of control. Are these so-called Masters of Wisdom stronger than Dr. Stokes himself? If so, the Doctor succumbs to their occult influence. Are the readers who read the Critic stronger than the influence thrown over the Doctor by these unseen Masters? If so, they see through the whole glamor which holds the Doctor's mind, body and Soul in leash and refuse to accept Dr. Stokes' philosophy based on the existence of these Masters of Wisdom. Does Mrs. Besant's influence cast a ray of light or a shade of darkness over the Master's teaching? If of light, she is an estimable representative and messenger of these Masters of Wisdom. If shade of darkness she is a gross palpable fraud and representative of something which never existed.

Dr. Stokes seems to think that people do not see through his whole scheme of prison work and Theosophy. He would have us believe that they are under two different heads and separate compartments, whereas, they are in truth under only one Head. PRISON WORK! PRISON WORK! to catch unsuspecting Souls and confine them in tombs of Darkness presided over by these Masters of Wisdom.

My mind today runs toward Humanity to help liberate them from the influence cast over them by people who are themselves under control by outside agencies.

If all Dr. Stokes says in support of the actual existence of these Masters of Wisdom is true why on Earth don't they come to the Doctor's assistance and give him messages as he contends were given to and through the Doctor's Goddess, Madame Blavatsky herself? Isn't the Doctor a worthy disciple, a faithful messenger and supporter of these unseen Masters as was the estimable Helen Petrovna Blavatsky herself? Or is it because he does not possess the mental power sufficient to raise a Master to his proper place. Were the Doctor better organized mentally and spiritually perhaps these Messages as given out by H. P. B. and H. P. Sinnett would not possess the requisite power to glamour him sufficiently to produce a vision of Masters in his moral and mental makeup.

I sense through the whole scheme of Mastership the power of hypnotic control raised to the 'nth power of glamour. And this, dear reader, is what holds the present day Theosophical Society together.

The Glamour that Masters of Wisdom Do Exist??? If they do exist for you the Wisdom is *outside yourself* stored up in these occult fakes, the Masters of Wisdom, sufficient to cover up and obscure the Wisdom of your own inner Master, your Higher Self, which liberates and frees you of this prison house of flesh. If they do not exist for you, it demonstrates your ability to conquer the influence cast about you by these unseen forces and powers by men of the Dr. Stokes type and you refuse to accept help from any other source than the power which flows from your inner God, your own Higher Self. If any teaching makes you dependent on any power outside yourself in order to liberate you, you may rest assured that that power will eventually capture your Soul,

enslave and entomb you. If any teaching awakens you to the superiority of your own power as above the teaching given out to start you on the Path to Liberation, that teaching is the teaching to follow, for that teaching emanates from the Higher Self of the writer and not from any outside unseen or hidden force presided over by these so-called Masters of Wisdom.

I challenge Dr. Stokes to answer me in the columns of his Critic. He has evaded my questions long enough and thinks silence is the best policy with one who sees through his whole rotten scheme of capturing souls occultly and adding them to his already too long a list of lost Souls. He is not a Theosophist any more than H. P. Blavatsky was a Theosophist. We still have some regard and respect for the Master faker, who plied her trade among the ignorant and unwary, but we lose all respect and consideration for a man who is so weak as to hang on to her apron strings and plead that we follow the Masters of Wisdom because Madame Blavatsky said so.

I believe were Dr. Stokes to answer my challenge to produce evidence in his own writings that these Masters of Wisdom actually exist he would make as big a clown of himself as he has in supporting Mrs. Annie Besant's False Christ and condemning the source which created it.

If each reader of Divine Life would kindly send us a one-dollar bill we would regard it an acceptable contribution at this time. The fight is growing hot and we need funds to pay for paper and ink. Remember $1.00 to Divine Life Press, Room 978, 536 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

BEHOLD THE CHRIST WITHIN

(Continued)

Chapter the Second

Alindah:

Tell me, O mystic One, what Thou meanest
By the "Kingdom"? Thou bewilderest me
By its many meanings; tell me plainly.

The Blessed One:

The soul who said, "My mind my kingdom is,"
Was on the mind plane, doing its work there.
The plane of scholars and scientists.
They, looking through the veil of matter,
Through a glass darkly; know no higher plane.
The higher plane (within) is the soul plane.
Here the soul can say, my soul my kingdom is;
This is the spiritual kingdom, called
Kingdom of heaven, and kingdom of God,
The Eternal seat, and the highest way.
That seat no sun enlightens, nor moon,
Nor fire; they who attain it nevermore
Return. That seat is my supreme abode.
As real, to one who has entered it,
As the conscious plane is; and more real,
For what is real, never ceases to be.
Only the soul has a real existence:
That seat no sun enlightens, nor moon,
The forms and conditions of matter:
Have only a conditional existence.
The dividing line is seen by the wise.
Those on the super-conscious plane see clearly,
Possesing spiritual knowledge (sight)
Where the intellect is in darkness.
The soul on the inner plane works thereon.

Alindah:

O tell me! What Thou meanest by Redeemed?

The Blessed One:

Souls redeemed from the bonds of matter,
Those who have worked out their own salvation
Through successive re-incarnations.

Alindah:

Then, did Moses and the prophets know
Of the Doctrine of Re-incarnation?

The Blessed One:

Moses, in the ancient mysteries, was
A Master. They were once the splendor
Of Egypt, and re-incarnation is one
Of the doctrines of the ancient mysteries.

Alindah:

Then why did not Moses teach this doctrine
To the children of Israel? Great One?

The Blessed One:

The Children of Israel were mere babes,
Just out of the "flesh pots of Egypt,"
Symbol of the lowest plane of the soul,
The lowest step on the ladder of ascent.
A man can choose between virtue and vice,
But not until he is a man; neither can
A babe nor an animal so choose.
The Secret doctrine, or the doctrine
Of the mysteries, is written in cypher.
In the first five books of the Old Testament;
Moses, this precious legacy bequeathed
To future generations. The soul, then
Sojourned, "forty years in the wilderness"
Before it was ready to cross the "Jordan."
And turn its face toward the "promised land."

Alindah:

O great One, tell me, who am bewildered,
Who the Redeemer is? Where may I seek Him?

The Blessed One:

The Higher Self or soul; the *real* Self,
Is the redeemer of the soul incarnate
In the body; the prodigal soul.
"Why art thou cast down; O my soul, why
Art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in (thy) God, for I shall yet see
My redeemed (Higher Self) face to face."
The incarnate soul binds the divine soul
In the linga (subtle body) to matter
And immediately to the gross body.
The subtle body, by the "modes" of nature
Is formed of finer elements of matter.
The real Soul comes not in contact with matter.
The subtle body accompanies the soul
In all its incarnations, till the soul
From matter has attained deliverance.
The soul, which is the true Self, never acts.
Its proper state that of impersonality
And repose; actions are due to the "modes."
Knowing this, the wise allow the actions
Of the "modes" to go on unconcerned.
Those who think the soul acts look for reward
As of heaven, *not* for deliverance, nor,
Redemption, nor salvation from matter.
He, who is not deluded, and who knows
The Higher Self to be the Christ, and *one*
With the Supreme Spirit. Knowing all,
He worships the Christ within himself,
With his whole nature. It is certain
We cannot have a church, in aught but *name*,

Without the spirit of worship and devotion.

Alindah:

Tell me, Great One! what is to take the place
Of outward worship, as formulated
By the different creeds, when these creeds
Shall have crumbled to dust, and decayed?

The Blessed One:

Inner devotion, for outward worship.
Devotion to the *One,* the inmost Self.
To attain spiritual knowledge, sight;
Whereby the soul works out its salvation,
And deliverance from the "modes" of nature;
And attains a higher state of consciousness,
Union with the Supreme; called by Jesus,
The Kingdom of Heaven; by the Hindus
Nirvana, and in modern phraseology
The super-conscious, or inner plane.

Alindah:

If these eternal truths could be couched
In plain language, that the deluded soul
Might read, many would turn from the outward
Form of worship, no longer satisfying,
And look *within* themselves to find the Christ.

The Blessed One:

The Churches will hear a voice crying to them;
Let my people go! That they may serve God
In the *inner* temple of their own souls.
Not in outward *form,* "Know ye not, that ye
Are (now) the temple of the living God?"
The greatest commandment this: "Thou shalt love
The Lord thy God (within thee) with all thy soul
And with all thy strength; and Him only
Shalt thou serve; and love thy neighbor as thyself.

Alindah:

Oh, how near and easily recognized
The literal "heaven on earth"; which has been
The Holy quest of the Christian and poet.
Tell me, O mystic One, Who was Jesus?
In our devotion what place does he occupy?
For thou alone canst destroy this doubt.

The Blessed One:

In Jesus, the manifested Christ,
In his mystic form was represented.
There are three categories of spirits.
In One! the lowest the soul in man (son)
The next, the Christ, the eternal Lord,
The highest manifested in outer form,
Who adjoins His proper spiritual form,
Co-existent with the Supreme Spirit
Identified with it; Universal.
The *highest* is the Supreme Spirit.

Alindah:

Which of these classes do him service, those
Who worship the Christ as manifested
Through Jesus, or in his spiritual form?

The Blessed One:

In the first form he is manifested,
In the spiritual he is unmanifested.
The spiritual worship is the higher;
Too difficult for the mass of mankind.
The soul must attain super-consciousness
E'er it can *see* him in his spiritual form.
As he is only seen by the soul alone.
Worship the Christ, manifested in Jesus.
Until within thyself he is discerned,
Is my decree; do everything for him.
When thou knowest the spiritual Christ,

Thou'lt know the Supreme; the inmost, the One.
Jesus, in cypher, gave the Three in One.
In the parable of the "prodigal Son."
The "prodigal" is the incarnate soul;
While the Elder brother remains one
With the Father, pure spirit; the Self.
When thou seest that every incarnate soul
Is a prodigal son; thou seest indeed.
And that the work of the incarnate soul
Is to free itself from the bonds of matter,
And return to its Father's house: become
Again, one with the Christ and the Father.
Thou will see indeed, by the *inner* sight.

Alindah:

Oh, if every one could see their own soul
As a prodigal son; it is certain
That the incarnate soul would rouse itself
From its sleep, and loose the bonds of matter.
By what way may the soul set itself free?

The Blessed One:

There are two ways; by devotion alone,
Or, without attachment by devotion
Of works. Do thou every appointed work.

Alindah:

Oh, thou mystic one, What did Jesus mean
When he said: Of myself I can do nothing?

The Blessed One:

Had Jesus been the Christ incarnate
Which could not be; the Christ is impersonal,
Jesus refers to his personal self,
Without the light of the Christ within him,
Which he also designates as the Father;
"The Father in me doeth the works."
Jesus often personated the Christ;

Which he had a divine right to do
As he represented the Christ in himself.

Alindah:

Why is Jesus called The Light of the World?

The Blessed One:

The Light of the World cannot be Jesus,
But the Christ, who is all-pervading.
'Tis thine the inner meaning to unveil
Of the teachings of Jesus, now hidden
In parable, and in cypher, beneath
The ecclesiasticism of the ages.
To unveil the face of the true sun,
As the light of all things luminous.
This eternal Supreme spirit, without
Beginning, devoid of the modes of nature,
Works and is not stained, even when embodied,
As individual souls. As the ether
That pervades all things through its subtelty;
Is not stained, as one sun illumines
All the world, so the soul illumines
The whole of primordeal matter.

Chapter the Second: The soul frees itself from preconceived ideas.

THE BIRD'S FLIGHT TO BOTH POLES OF NO AVAIL!

THERE is a great movement on foot planned by the materialists of the World to capture the planet, hence we see Commander Richard E. Byrd doing his best to bring both poles together in the name of materialistic science and convert what might become a nebulized mass of SPIRIT-force back again into the old vibration of

Earth's lower forces which have held the established order together for ages past, but this time the Bird of Paradise beat the earthly bird to his poles.

I have been here in Philadelphia, as here is where the earthly bird is headed to speak at Independence Hall, receive the key to the Sacred Temple and renew his claims for the Vested Interests, to pillage and polarize the masses in the name of science and tradition.

All this undue excitement in our too colorful daily press regarding Commander Byrd's achievement is pure American bunk. The poles have been discovered before by other than our lime-light-loving Byrd, and for the same material purpose, to clinch the glamour that exists in the minds, hearts and souls of Mankind, that there is a cylindrical shaped spheroid and that to reach the magnetic point of the compass where the forces pull equal at all points constitutes the nominal achievement of having reached the North and South Poles.

I say Commander Byrd was sent North and South by the Powers that control our American Government to again fool the People into believing that he is doing them a credit and not an injury.

Fortunately I have been sent here to Philadelphia at a time when the Spiritual Forces are awakening in Man enough so to throw off the glamour of the bird's achievement and all the efforts of Heaven, Earth and Hell cannot stop me in my work of freeing Humanity from the deception and glamour which our ignoble American Daily Press is seeking to throw over the minds of the general public.

Commander Byrd is a common everyday four-flusher and has not enough magnetism in his whole

make-up to bring the poles of his own body into a harmonious rhythm to stop me. For, I say, my mission here at Philadelphia before he arrives is to break the Union of Church and State, the Union of Science and Religion, the Union of Heaven and Hell, and I may add when he gets through being wined and dined, feted and fumed his balloon will collapse and the parts assigned to their proper place in an oceanic cemetery where poles are as common as icebergs which surround them.

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Washington, D. C.,
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Mr. Harry E. Richeimer,
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Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

The April number of your periodical has been called to my attention and I am writing to enter my very earnest protest against your desecration of the name of Madame Blavatsky and your use of the word "Theosophical" in connection with your movement.

Our knowledge of Theosophy or the Wisdom Religion was brought to us by the Messenger of its Custodians, Madame H. P. Blavatsky. Theosophy was the name she gave the age-old system of thought she promulgated, and no one has the right to label views in conflict with Theosophy by that name.

With a very little effort you can satisfy yourself of the absolute falsity of your implication that Madame Blavatsky was in any way concerned with the establishing of the Liberal Catholic Church. Per-

haps you are not aware that she proclamied the Apostolic Succession "a gross and palpable fraud," or that she took an unequivocal stand against the vicarious atonement and other dogmas of the orthodox church.

I beg of you, for the sake of those you may mislead as well as for your own, to inform yourself on the subject of Madame Blavatsky and her Message. Besides *Isis Unveiled*, Vol. II, and her other writings, I hope you will read "The Theosophical Movement; 1875-1925," a straightforward account based on documentary records, and published by E. P. Dutton and Company, New York.

Common honesty demands that you retract in your pages your baseless slander of Madame Blavatsky, and that you either make your magazine Theosophical in spirit and teaching or that you call what you give out by some other name than Theosophy.

Yours truly,

E. M. HOUGH.

Readers of Divine Life who know as much as Mr. Hough, or perhaps more would not lay themselves open to criticism as Mr. Hough seems to be doing. If he can speak with authority for the Madame and her White Lodge of Phantoms why doesn't he do so, and not refer us to letters and books written by others in their defense. We think it is about time that the Blavatsky Movement is showing the World that the Madame provided thinkers, writers and teachers and not a lot of flap-doodles and me-toos, as the Madame herself styled those who were caught in the meshes of her psychic phantasmagoria and who worshipped her as they would a God. I say it is about time men of the Hough stamp would answer our queries regarding the Madame's phenomena, her fake messages, her

pseudo-occultism and get down to plain facts. If Divine Life is not Theosophy as Mr. Hough conceives it, he had best take down the Blavatsky sign, purge it of false Masters and then perhaps we can agree on the real essentials. Had Madame Blavatsky given her followers the true Higher Self teaching, spiritual in its nature, as they contend she had, they would have been able defenders to propagate this spiritual teaching throughout the World, and outclass her in literary production and in the inner spiritual perception which is so consequent to promote and perpetuate itself. As it is, all she has left is tongue-tied followers, who quote, quote, quote what H. P. B. said much as "Mary Baker Eddy says," but who can say nothing for themselves, do nothing, and see nothing but what this Great Messenger of Glamour has left them: a heritage that Madame Blavatsky herself might shrink from.

I would like the whole World to know just what lies back of these Universal Brotherhood People who acclaim Blavatsky as their Messenger and their God. Rank hypocrisy, perpetual defense of a Universal Impostor, and a readiness to kill out all other teaching with the power of the occult bequeathed from their ancient, venerable Masters—but not of WISDOM.

A prominent book dealer of New York City on being interrogated on "How does 'The Secret Doctrine' by Madame Blavatsky sell?" says: "In days gone by I would order as high as 25 sets at a time from the Point Loma organization and you know that's a big order. Today if I can sell a single set I am lucky."

The public is not getting wise, it is already wise to this secret, mind-capturing, soul-destroying work.

(THE NEW ORDER OF AGES)

THE INDEPENDENT THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA,

NOW that the many thousands who have dropped out of The Theosophical Movement of 1875, as founded by Madam Blavatsky and Col. Olcott, and which has been carried forward by Annie Besant, are awakened to the real situation and see that there is no Salvation or Liberty to be acquired under the blighting influence of these two Catholic Leaders, (Blavatsky and Besant,) who preach Salvation and Liberation in future ages and not **here and now**, and who have wantonly led the sheep back into the Catholic fold, and have betrayed the trust imposed in them of carrying forward a Theosophical Movement based on inward spiritual truths, which free the seeker from the outward habiliments of forms, ceremonies, symbols and occult influences, which retard and defeat the Doctrine of the Heart, which finds its apotheosis in natural spiritual development, giving supreme authority to the individual himself, in contradistinction to the doctrines of the Roman Church which place a Priest and a Hierarchical Ladder of Supreme Heads between Man and his inmost Spirit, thereby robbing him of self-reliance and self-dependence, and making him the play of outward Masters and forces, against the injunction of Jesus of Nazareth, "Call no man your Master, for one is you Master, even the Spirit within you our own Higher Self, the time has arrived to launch

The Great Independent Theosophical Movement

INDEPENDENT of Madame Blavatsky, Annie Besant, and all the hosts of unseen dark entities which have served them in changing Theosophy into Catholicism,

The call has gone forth to organize and establish lodges and societies in every town city and state in these United States, and through the intermediate of literature and lectures, bring about the co-ordination of the Protestant elements in America, and establish a nucleus for the influx of the Spirit from on High to again visit us, and bring the Spirit of the—AMERICAN REPUBLIC—forward as the saving and redeeming grace of a Humanity who look to AMERICA and its Spiritual ones for the Salvation of the Race and the Redemption of the World !

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